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# Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicant recites that "a plurality of connection members (30) for coupling the first side board (10) and the second sideboard (20)" in claim 1, lines 2-3 is not enabling. Even though on page 3, lines 20-21 applicant discloses "four connection members 30 for connecting four corners of the first and second side boards 10 and 20", a review of the entire specification and drawing does not support such claim. According to the specification, the connection members 30 are attached to the computer host (1) via rivets (32, page 3, lines 24 and 25). There is no disclosure anywhere in the specification or drawing that the connection members (30) can "couple" the first and second boards 10 and 20 together. The first and second side boards 10 and 20 merely touches the top of the wing plates (31) of the connection members (30) while these side boards are coupled to the computer host through the latch and slide members (41 and 43). The first and second sideboards are not coupled to the wing plates (31) by any means.

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Further regarding claim 3 recitation that the latch member movable in a biased manner in the indented port is not enabling as there does not seem to be anything biasing the latch member in a particular direction.

Further regarding claim 5, the recitation "the wing plate having a lower end extended upwards from the arched edge of the first and second sideboards to an inner edge of the connection member" is not understood. Examiner fail to see the wing plate (31) as having any lower end extending upwards from the arched edge (11 or 21) of the first and second side boards. Further it is not clear what the inner edge of the connection member is.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Regarding claim 2, the recitation that the first and second side boards are "substantially formed in a rectangular shape" on lines 2-3 is vague and indefinite. A substantial rectangle must have four straight sides with four corners and applicant's side boards has neither. Further, the recitation "an extension plate at an angle of 45 degrees" on lines 5-6 of claim 2 is vague and indefinite as it is not clear forming 45 degrees relative to what element or reference line. Similarly "slot inclined at 45 degrees" on line 8 is also vague and indefinite as to relative to what reference line does it form that 45 degrees. Regarding claim 4, "a left side wall and a

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right side wall" has already been recited in claim 1 and should be corrected to - - the left side wall and the right side wall - - to show antecedence.

Even though no art rejection has been given, indication of allowability appears premature at this time due to the ambiguities discussed above.

### ***Conclusion***


The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The cited prior art of record demonstrate various casing for electronic devices.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Korie H. Chan whose telephone number is 571-272-6816. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Olszewski can be reached on 571-272-6788. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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